

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-21 are pending in the instant application. The independent claims are 1, 7, 9, and 15. Claims 4-6 and 15 have been amended. The Applicant requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the following amendments reflected in the listing of claims.

#### Listing of claims:

1. (Previously presented) A method of theft prevention of communication devices used in a communication network, the method comprising:

registering a communication device deployed at a location that is communicatively coupled to the communication network;

receiving validation information relating to the communication device, the validation information entered via the communication device; and

determining whether the communication device is authorized for use in the communication network, based on at least the validation information entered via the communication device.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein registering the communication device comprises at least one of the following: entering a device serial ID number, recognizing a digital certificate stored in the communication device, entering roaming preferences for the communication device, and entering a password.

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving of the validation information comprises at least one of the following: receiving a device serial ID number, recognizing a digital certificate stored in the communication device, and receiving a password.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~further~~ comprising:  
locking the communication device out of the communication network upon determination that the communication device is unauthorized.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, ~~further~~ comprising:  
determining the location of the communication device.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, ~~further~~ comprising:  
notifying an authority of the location of the communication device, if the communication device has been reported as stolen.

7. (Previously presented) A system supporting theft prevention of communication devices used in a communication network, comprising:

at least one processor, communicatively coupled to the communication network, that receives information related to a communication device, the at least one processor further receives validation information entered into the communication network via the communication device, and determines whether the communication device is authorized for use in the communication network,

based on the received validation information.

8. (Previously presented) The system of claim 7, wherein the at least one processor comprises at least one of the following: a personal computer, and a set-top-box.

9. (Previously presented) A system supporting theft prevention of communication devices used in a communication network, comprising:

a communication device deployed in a home environment; and

a communication network communicatively coupled to the home environment, the communication network receiving validation information entered via the communication device and relating to the communication device, and determining whether to grant the communication device access to the communication network, based on the validation information entered via the communication device.

10. (Previously presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the communication network comprises at least one of the following: a third party media server, a media storage server, a broadband access headend, a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, a closed communication infrastructure, and a wireless infrastructure.

11. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the communication network comprises the Internet.

12. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the communication network comprises the closed communication infrastructure.

13. (Previously presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the authorization information comprises at least one of the following: a device serial ID number, a digital certificate, and a password.

14. (Previously presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the communication device comprises at least one of the following: a digital camera, a digital camcorder, a television, a personal computer, a CD player, a juke-box, a multi-media gateway device, a multi-media personal digital assistant, a DVD player, a tape player, a media player, and a MP3 player.

15. (Currently Amended) A system supporting theft prevention of communication devices used in a communication network, comprising:

a storage device residing in a first home environment;

a media device residing in a second home environment; and

a communication network communicatively coupled to the first home environment and the second home environment, the communication network analyzing validation information entered via the media device, and determining whether to grant access ~~[[of]]to~~ the media device to the first home environment via the communication network, based on the validation information entered via the media device residing in the second home environment.

16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the communication network analyzes authorization information and determines whether to grant access of the media device to the storage device.

17. (Previously presented) The system of claim 15, wherein the communication network comprises at least one of the following: a third party media server, a media storage server, a broadband access headend, a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, a closed communication infrastructure, and a wireless infrastructure.

18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the communication network comprises the Internet.

19. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the communication network comprises the closed communication infrastructure.

20. (Previously presented) The system of claim 15, wherein the authorization information comprises at least one of the following: a device serial ID number, a digital certificate, and a password.

21. (Previously presented) The system of claim 15, wherein the media device comprises at least one of the following: a digital camera, a digital camcorder, a television, a personal computer, a CD player, a juke-box, a multi-

media gateway device, a multi-media personal digital assistant, a DVD player, a tape player, a media player, and a MP3 player.